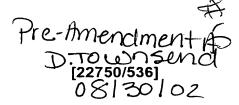


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Kindly amend the above-captioned application before examination, as set

IN THE CLAIMS:

forth below.

On the first page of the claims, first line, change "What is claimed is:"

to WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--.

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 1 to 10.

Please add the following new claims:

--11. (New) A method of controlling suspension performance in a vehicle having a hydropneumatic suspension device between suspended and unsuspended masses and extremely variable axle load ratios, wherein the suspension device has double-

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